

THE ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS—THE WORK OF THE LATE HON. R. C. BELL, RE-VIEWED.

By N. W. Harline.

We once visited Niagara Falls. It was mid-night when we reached the little Hamlet on the American side. We could not see the gigantic mass of the waters; but we could hear the thunder like roar of their fall, the rushing waters, making a howling and hideous noise, coming down on the heads of the mad and aged worn rocks, defying and obstructing the passing winds, the stormy gales that had reared their heads for centuries past. The night seemed long and the roar of the waters seemed louder as the night grew a pace. But the darkest night is followed by a day; the keenest despair is followed by hope. So many came to us, who were waiting and watching for it.

The next morning we arose with the sun and with the lark, and hurried down to the scenes of the mighty falls. Here we saw one solid sheet of water, a made of polished silver, mingled with gray, the spray and gliding down, unbroken like silver wire threads braided with steel. These waters came down a height of one hundred and seventy-seven feet, muttering their song of ages, being broken against the rocks into countless sprays of white heads, dashing high up in the morning sun, forming many rain bows, and the solid sheet of water fell upon the hostile rocks, they rebounded, sprayed, now turning, now whirling, now returning and ever receding, formed an enormous back-ground with most beautiful and delicate hues as if in mockery to the jagged sides of the stream with projecting tongues of bare rocks. This cave of the gods, bespangled with variegated colors, and decorated with rain bows, was the home of the sprites and the nymphs.

An economist standing near, seeing these waters, cried out: "What a waste of energy! What a pity!" He saw not the water sprays, nor the gorgeous colors with delicate hues, neither did he seem to hear the roar of the water, but was grieved at the great waste of energy, potential energy, however, he saw other beauties a thousand times greater, and he heard other tones, all of these shrouded the beauties of the mighty falls. What were they and where could they be found? He saw the mighty waters harnessed down with belts and bolts, connected with powerful electric motors, batteries and gigantic forcing engines, turning the wheels of a thousand factories, giving employment to ten of thousands of men, women and children.

He sets to work and organized the blind and inanimate forces of mother Nature and they do his bidding, through the power of organization. What power is there in Organization?

Hon. H. C. Bell, the lamented District Grand Master of the jurisdiction of Texas was an expert organizer, for it was he traveling over the state for a number of years, and studying the need of his people and the good of the order which lay at all times on his mind, that he worked out a plan, a financial scheme upon which he established the great endowment department of the United Order of Odd Fellows of Texas, that remains a living monument to every hearty Odd Fellow, and what is better to the widow and the orphan, and these are witnesses as they are the beneficiaries, who can testify as to the merits of the system which Mr. Bell gave the best thoughts of his useful life, in order that others might live and enjoy the fruits of his unstinted labors.

He saw the need of the Endowment Department, having studied it in all its phases, and having studied the needs of his people, he urges them to frugality, to industry, and to become self sustaining, he fits up a system to fit the needy, so that every deserving man worthy of the name might have a chance in the struggle and fierce contest of life. No man was superior to the Hon. H. C. Bell in planning, and in the control of men and measures. We have seen him in the chair when the whole Grand Lodge of delegates were clamorous and demonstrative, yet he was cool and deliberate, calming them down as easily as lambs. The members and crafts did not always agree with his views when first promulgated, but when they saw the good effect and the wisdom of his plans, all worked for the good of the cause.

He had an able cabinet. Men of ability, honest men, whom we like to trust. Such men as Hon. J. H. Riddle, Prof. J. P. Starks, Hon. Robert Nelson, Prof. G. W. Jackson, Dr. R. T. Hamilton, Prof. B. Y. Aycock, Dr. Roberts, and the present District Grand Master, Prof. Goree. These gentlemen along with others aided him from time to time and in no doing save to the jurisdiction on a basis of a great financial system, one that is an honor to the state.

The other orders of the state have some good men, such as Hon. W. S. Williams, Dr. Prince, Hon. Mitchell, Hon. E. M. Rodgers, Hon. W. M. McDonald, Dr. J. V. McKinney, and G. M. W. W. S. R. Johnson, J. C. Scott, these men are the jewels of the race and long with many others, we are proud of them. All these including Chief Mentor Dwyer, have lent their influence for good in the work of the endowment department, and we love to honor them. They are ours.

But we are chiefly discussing the Hon. Mr. Bell, who has given his service to the great cause of organization and service. Service is the biggest thing in the world and it is the biggest word in the language. It is service that everybody wants, it is the root service, this is the kind that Mr. Bell gave to the Order. He worked when he should have been in his bed, but this work seemed dearer to him than his own life, for he was unselfish, untrusting in his efforts to raise the grand old Order to the first place among crafts in all the country, and he left a full sized institution having found it an infant. He had the unselfish support of that politic and far seeing organizer, Dr. D. Abner, Jr., who called him to the work and bade him God speed and the only heritage that he has left, but only he was supported by the male members of the fraternity, but by such women as Mrs. Hendricks, and his own dear wife, Mrs. H. C. Bell, who was his constant guide and adviser.

Mrs. Bell, if she had lived in the country, would have been called a Primitive Grace of the Golden Age, but as she lives in this bright age of the present, we shall call her the model wife who knows how to honor the name of

Texas foremost organizer and benefactor.

The people of Texas should be justly proud of their secret fraternal men and women. These take high rank for the most part for they are men and women of ability, foresighted and persons who are looking to the welfare of the future of the crafts. It is true, that some people complain about the pittance which these grand lodge members receive, but we think it is unjust for they are poorly paid to attend to other people's business. These grand lodge members, as has been said, are the only officers the Negro of Texas have and we should feel justly proud of them and should feel justly proud of them, and should appreciate the high privilege of honoring them.

We point with pride to Prof. Lyons of Dallas, Edw. B. Bell, of Dallas, W. L. Davis, Mrs. Julia Caldwell Frazier, also the Educational Commissioner, A. S. Jackson, and many others whom we would like to mention of other fraternities, we can not afford to omit the name of Mrs. Key, a lady and craft woman, whom we all delight to honor, and Mrs. J. H. Riddle, whose gentle influence is felt not only in the school room, but also in other affairs, for it was she whom the writer consulted when he wished to introduce the domestic science and manual training into the Negro High School of Dallas, fifteen years ago, as she had completed these subjects in a leading New England College, and was prepared to give the advice and information. It was with such moving spirits that the Hon. R. C. Bell, our Grand District Master, a man that all Texas loved to honor and do reverence in his day for the lasting work that he through wisdom almost divine, planned and carried out, in the establishment of the great Endowment Department for the United Order of Odd Fellows of this great commonwealth. For this there should be a granite shaft erected to his undying memory not only by the Odd Fellows of Texas, but by the different secret orders as all in a large measure are beneficiaries of the labor and thought of the Hon. H. C. Bell, who has left a living monument in the heart and lives of the Odd Fellows in every home, where ever there is a length of the triple tie worn either by the Rutilites or her companions. Let the juveniles of Texas carry this thought to the heart of their generation as a lasting message to be handed down.

ABILENE.

Abilene, Texas, Feb. 6.—Old Macedonia Baptist church is on a driving line with Rev. R. P. Thornton at the gun. He has just closed a two weeks' revival with seven additions to the church, money raised \$105.42. He was called to pastor the church. He will take charge on the 3rd Sunday.

Mr. Carolus Russell, leader of the Elarth Sweepers gave an entertainment at the C. M. E. church last Thursday night. A big crowd and a pleasant time were had. A prize was given to every one present.

The tacky party at the residence of Mrs. Maggie Harper's under the auspices of Sky Scrapers was a success. Mr. Vivian Chance drew the cake.

Rev. Robt. Mask is visiting his family in Ft. Worth, this week.

Curtis C. Chance applied for license to enter the ministry last week.

The following articles were received at the miscellaneous shower given Rev. Mask, Saturday, Jan. 18.

Madams Lizzie Landrum, dish pan, boiler, syrup pitcher, soda, corn, napkins, pair pillow cases and quilt.

Rena Anderson, frying pan; J. T. Townsend, sauce pan and sheet; Mr. and Mrs. Cumby, broad pan; Madams Mary Young, broad pan; Edna Dorich, can goods; Lena Johnson, potatoes and can goods; Cora Hayden, pan; Ida Jackson, pair pillow cases; Lucille Powers, pair towels; Pearl Black, pair pillow cases; Elloise Dixon, pair towels; Mr. and Mrs. Glover, pair knife, butter bowl, glasses; Madams Maggie Thompson, water pitcher; Jettie Chance, bowl and pitcher; Leona, Dittie pair towels; Heater Henry, pair pillow cases; Lavenia Brown, towels and flower seeds; Misses Elarkey Lee Avant, six knives and forks; Lizzie Walt, silver four plates; Madams Cora Young, castor oil; Lucy Avant, three pans, cooking fork; Mary Savare, pans and dipper and flower seeds; M. Bell, quilts; Little Bell, sheet; Ida Jackson, dresser scarf; Rev. Berry Smith, 15 cents; Mr. and Mrs. Harper, parlor lamp.

Just received a shipment of Plough's hair and face preparations. Mrs. Maggie Harper.

LONGVIEW.

Longview, Texas, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Levy Jackson and Miss Creasia Patrick were married on the 2nd at the home of Mrs. Daisy Poe. Mrs. Lulu Black of Hannah, La., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Jessie Dudd.

Mrs. Mollie Wlan of Marshall is here visiting relatives.

Sam Sample, spent Saturday and Sunday in Kilgore, visiting relatives.

Mr. Vate Jackson and Miss Cele Eaton made a flying trip to Shreveport, La. Mrs. Snowden and the 3rd son left for Port Worth, on the 3rd.

Two Mrs. Rachel Johnson of the Friends Community departed this life Jan. 28, after a short illness with influenza. Rev. G. W. Bates of Kilgore, spent a short while in the city Monday, the guest of Rev. O. T. Womack. There will be a Valentine party at St. Mark C. M. E. church on the 14th inst. Mrs. Alma Williams is visiting relatives in Timpson.

MILFORD.

Milford, Texas, Feb. 6.—Mrs. Harris and sons, Jerome and William, the family of Rev. W. M. Harris have moved from Rice, into the A. M. E. parsonage. Mr. S. H. Richardson was in Hillsboro, Tuesday, Rev. Burton went to Hanes to fill his appointment. Mr. S. H. Richardson, the local representative of the Fraternal Undertaking Co., of which Mr. Jake Mass is president, went to Italy to take care of the funeral expenses of Mr. Rice Hayes. There were several competitors, but on account of Mr. Richardson's profit sharing sale treatment to his customers, the competitors retreated to the rear. Mrs. Annie Walker went to Dallas to the bed side of her sick mother. Mr. Frank McMullen was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clemons.

Sick with the influenza: Mrs. L. G. McDonald, Mrs. W. M. Probsner and his entire family. Mr. F. Forman and wife also their father, Mr. Benito Henry, Mr. Friday Hood, Miss Bernice Richardson and Mr. P. D.

BEATY.

Educational and Religious: The Young No. 2 Peoples Society and the primary room of Kelly Miller high school rendered a joint program Friday afternoon. Mrs. E. M. J. McDonald, directress. The program was featured by melodies peculiar to the welfare of the future of the crafts. The next effort something new is wanted from every actor. Madams Burgess, Mary McDaniels, N. E. Burnett, Ella Cooper and Miss Hallie Miller were visiting and made encouraging remarks. Come again ladies and bring some one with you. Rev. W. M. Harris, Madams N. E. Burnett, M. D. McDaniels, Emma and Zelma Clemmons went to Waxahachie to the Ministerial Council. The educational assessment for Milford station is \$94.00. Rev. G. W. Burton and the trustees of the North have installed a \$300 piano. The re-organization of the local Negro Business League during the citizen's mass meeting with the following officers: Rev. G. W. Burton, president; R. L. Black, 1st vice president; J. G. Wright, recording secretary; J. A. Vaughn, treasurer; Prof. J. H. Riddle, corresponding secretary. The following standing committees and chairmen were appointed: On Streets, high ways and side walks, J. G. Burnett; on Education, Prof. T. D. Beatty; on Instruction and by-laws, Rev. Purnell; Civic improvement, Rev. W. M. Harris. Committees will report Tuesday night. The Kelly Miller high school is crowded. If you have not paid your poll tax, when real men begin to discuss the coming general elections, you do not do nothing but play mump and final walk.

Editor King, doing great good. That Ft. Worth bunch inspired to launch a \$10,000 business may have been immediately actuated by the Drs. Prince and Winn, but we so dollars to doughnuts that King's signal: "To be forewarned is to be forearmed," gave birth to the idea. Read The Express

CHICKASHA.

Chickasha, Okla., Feb. 6.—The officers of the 1st Baptist church are determined that the church shall be amply protected from fire and storm. The fact being emphasized by having the edifice insured for \$10,000. The Sunday services were good; pastor D. D. Jones was at his best. Collection for the day \$35.57.

Rev. G. F. Burton, pastor of the C. M. E. church pulled off a very successful rally at his church Sunday, Feb. 2, he is a very worthy minister and deserves the co-operation of all Rev. Rowell, the eminent and able divine of the St. Paul A. M. E. church is setting things in order. His many friends wish him much success in his new field of labor.

Prof. Gibson, the able educator, who teaches at Norge, Okla., is on the sick list. Mr. Wesley Haydel has just returned from Harrison, Kan., and reports a pleasant stay. Mrs. Ella Gray of Lawton, Okla., was the guest of Mrs. Lottie Cross last week. Rev. E. W. Perry, one of Oklahoma's greatest divines preached a great sermon at New Hope Baptist church of which Rev. C. B. Burton is pastor.

GILMER AND THE ORPHANAGE.

Gilmer, Texas, Feb. 6, 1919.

The city school is progressing very nicely under the leadership of Prof. K. S. E. Henry and his able assistant, Mrs. M. M. Bobo. Although they are very crowded, having more than two hundred children, they are making a creditable showing.

The Mothers' club connected with the school has just completed some very necessary work toward making more sanitary conditions around the grounds and buildings. They have more plans for the improvement of the school.

The new C. M. E. pastor is making friends right along. Negro business in Gilmer is taking on new life.

Dr. Bailey's rally and contest at the Baptist church was a success. One of the "Home" girls, Miss Bydola Thomas, won the first prize, a very handsome gold locket and chain. Dr. Barnwell was the guest at the home last Monday and Tuesday. He organized a band of mercy at the "Home." The children greatly enjoyed his lectures, songs and reading. They are very fond of pets and really do not know much about cruelty to animals as most children do. Dr. Barnwell spoke Monday night at the Baptist church to a very large and attentive audience. Tuesday morning he visited the city school and organized a band of mercy there. We were uplifted much by Dr. Barnwell's visit. We hope he may come again.

The children and teachers are happy and very grateful to the friends who shared in making the rally at New Hope, for the "Home" such an overwhelming success. We are striving to prove ourselves worthy of all you do for us.

Miss Genieveve Bills made a flying trip last Saturday to the "Home" bringing three more children. We were delighted to have her inspect the institution.

A time of sadness ran through the "Home" when it was learned that our much loved musical instructor, Miss A. V. King had resigned.

By her very pleasant disposition and sympathetic manner she presented a warm spot in the heart of the children and teachers. We wish for her success wherever she may go. We know she will prove a blessing to those whom she may chance to teach.

The Junior Red Cross work among the home is taking on nice shape. Prof. Ingram, a successful grocery merchant lectured to the B. Y. P. U. at the "Home" last Sunday on "How Can I Make the Most of Life."

From the children of the "Home," W. L. DICKSON, Supt. and Mr.

CORSICANA.

Corsicana, Texas, Feb. 6.—The N. A. C. P. at its meeting last Sunday adopted resolutions to be presented to governor Hobby, protesting against lynching and mob violence. The 14 months old baby of Mrs. Mrs. Odell was buried last week. Mrs. Dexter Patton is in the city at the bed side of her daughter, Mrs. Beulah Baldwin and her brother, Mr. Manuel Davis. The Express readers have doubled themselves with this issue. The agent visited his wife, Mrs. C. R. Boswell at Dallas last Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Noel Keilman, a soldier, claiming to have been sent from France to a hospital in Los Angeles, California, where he was wounded received in battle reported over here are few hours last Sunday en route to his home, Baltimore, Md. He claims to belong to the 8th Ill.

aisles Infantry and that he was in all the hard-fought battles. The young man claims to have been shot through twice. In some of his statements he says that to his personal knowledge 4,000 men were killed in one day's battle and in another battle only 150 or 160 were left out of 2,000 men. On one occasion the black boys were sent to drive the Germans back across the river and succeeding in this, when they reached the river had to bridge it with bodies of dead Germans in order to cross and in this fight, they were cut off from ammunition, food and water for three days. This young man claims that the Y. M. C. A. organization was extorted in their charges for everything, they charged \$1.00 a package for cigarettes and \$1.25 for tobacco and paper, but that the Red Cross were true to their mission and their collection was taken for him Mr. and Mrs. Joe Starks are up again from attacks of influenza.

In spite of the inclement weather Sunday was a high day in Bethel, Pastor McDade is stirring the church with his powerful sermons. He is just finishing his sermon on the subject concerning the church. His text was Rev. 2-4-9.

CHANDLER.

Chandler, Texas, Feb. 6.—Sabbath school work was attended Sunday. Mr. J. A. Vaughn has returned from Lawrence and reports the sick improved. Messrs. Hattie Guthrie, J. C. Canboun, Fatsie Lewis, Fannie Mathis, Odie Wooten, Jno. Collins and John H. Mathis were the guests of A. Vaughn and wife, Sunday.

Prof. J. A. Strahars and wife, Ed Smith made a flying trip to Tyler, Thursday, A. H. Vaughn, the reporter here is up and at his post again. He was a pleasant caller on Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Smith, Sunday.

Prof. J. H. Moton is suffering with rheumatism. Dr. J. P. Pugh is still on the sick list.

Rev. Bryant passed through en route to Lone Star to accept the pastorate of that church.

The Express on sale at A. H. Vaughn's grocery store.

GREENVILLE.

Greenville, Texas, Feb. 6.—Remember you owe to the Express. The city teachers have been very busy this last week in holding the mid-term examinations. Just as the pupils were finishing their last subject in the examination in the Ross high school, Prof. McClane and school were surprised to see Prof. T. Pratt of Prairie View, come bounding up the walk. Prof. Pratt served as principal of the Ross high school for a number of years. After Peaces Prof. McClane assembled the pupils of five rooms to listen to Prof. Pratt's speech. The speaker dwelt at length on the necessity of thorough preparation. Remarks were offered by Rev. Crowford, pastor of the Christian church. A few of the mothers had assembled for a meeting of the "Mothers' club." After dismissal, held one of the best sessions in the history of its organization. The Ministerial Council of the A. M. E. church held quite an interesting session at the A. M. E. church on Clark street, last week. The Ministers Council of the Terrell district met at Mineola, Texas, Jan. 30-31. Delegates from Greenville, were Bros. J. M. Hunt, W. Randall and Sister L. S. Bryant. Mrs. Jones, the mother of Mrs. L. S. Bryant) is up from Neylandville visiting relatives.

Mr. J. H. H. Stevens of Baltimore is visiting his daughter, Mrs. L. M. Brown. Mr. Stevens is somewhat of an old man, but believes in living well. It is a pleasure to see him carry his daughter, about his big car.

Mr. Rafe Tate is improving slowly. He has been ill for some time. His son "Jim" is here visiting him. Bro. Tate has not seen his son Jim for twenty years until the other day.

Mrs. Mary Robinson is up again from an attack of influenza.

Maudie Rollins, who came home sick from Bishop College, is on the mend. Mr. Howard Doty fell in his lot Sunday and in a short time was dead. Mr. Doty was buried Monday with Odd Fellows' honors.

ALTO.

Alto, Texas, Feb. 6.—Rev. Hollis was with his people Sunday. Rev. E. M. Griggs of Palestine, was elected pastor of New Hope Baptist church. Mr. Nat Smith of Houston died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Jessie Ross at Morrell last Tuesday night and was laid to rest in New Hope cemetery Wednesday evening. Prof. J. C. Bradford received a telegram from Washington, D. C., Friday morning, that his brother, Henry had died in France of disease. Mrs. Zane Hudson and Little Miss Earline Harrison of Marshall, are visiting relatives in Alto this week. Mr. D. S. Land is on the sick list this week. D. S. Anderson of Henderson is at home this week. Mrs. Eliza Bradley is at home after a three weeks' stay in Rusk. Mrs. Winnie Hamilton received a card from her son, Jefferson, the first word he has written since last August. He is in France.

Call for the Express every Saturday.

PITTSBURG.

Pittsburg, Texas, Feb. 6.—We are glad to let the nation read the doing of Pittsburg's Colored people. Editor King's visit here seemed to have awakened the reading people here and although we did not get the papers until late Sunday, but few people refused to buy a copy. This is a commendable thing, that the people here will appreciate the work of the Express. The weather was a very pleasant Sunday. The churches were not crowded as usual. The reporter was at Living Green Sunday evening and sold a few copies of the Express. We are going to give all the news of this section each week to the Express. We shall in every Colored home in the city lights and find out just how many Colored people live here and how many are reading Colored papers each week. Mrs. Beatrice Crumpton one of the county teachers, and Mrs. Oia L. Carlock were in Mt. Pleasant Sunday. Miss Luntzher McNary was at Living Green last week and visited the school while in that section. The committee for the country school contest will meet Saturday to arrange for the contest which will be held some time in March. It is believed that these contests are helpful in many ways and the teachers are showing much interest in the contest this year. The president of the business league (Prof. Teel) is look-

ing forward to the many things of improvement among the Colored people here. It is expected that every Colored person in the county join. We can get many of our streets improved if we will but ask. We hope to give the date on which the league will meet in our next issue of the Express. Col. B. Spears has moved his shoe repair shop on Broadway.

PARIS.

Paris, France, Feb. 6.—When the full story of America's participation in the great war comes to be written, it is safe to say that at least one full page will be devoted to the valor of the Negro soldiers. Army officers commanding colored regiments are enthusiastic in praise of the work of their men as a whole and the character of several Negroes have been mentioned in the lists of heroes meriting special recognition.

First Lieutenant Malleliel Rush of Atlanta, Ga., has recently been cited by both the United States and Belgian army commands for repeated acts of gallantry and official announcements has been made that he is to receive decorations from each. The Belgian's decoration is a mark of particular distinction because it is awarded only to soldiers who have distinguished themselves on more than one occasion.

Leut. Rush was wounded in what is likely to prove the very last battle of the war, fought near Les Mesnils on November 11th, Armistice day. In the same engagement Leut. Rush was the same Negro division, the 92nd, who was also from Atlanta, lost his life.

Rush was taken from the battle field to the army hospital near Marbache. It happened that a Negro Leut. Louis Wright, graduate of the Harvard Medical school is in charge of the medical ward of this hospital and that no fewer than fourteen other members of the staff, including two dentists, are colored men. This suggests another department in which Afro-Americans have distinguished themselves in this war service in the Army Medical Corps.

The 92nd has recently earned its reputation as a fighting force. It contains probably a higher percentage of Negro officers than any other. Sixteen lieutenants in the division have diplomas from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga., and were president pupils of John Hope, the president of that institution. Prof. J. H. Hope, acting under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. has been working with colored troops in France for several months. Fisk and Howard universities and Tuskegee and Hampton institutions are among other schools, alumni of which are now rendering excellent service with the 92nd.

One army training camp in the United States, that at Des Moines, Iowa, furnished 700 Negro officers to Uncle Sam's army. Most encouraging results have been obtained from classes maintained by the Y. M. C. A. There are sectors of Negroes in each of three huts at the French port of St. Nazaire, to mention only one centre, and the pupils, most of whom had had little schooling previously, have shown themselves to be eager and apt learners.

In every branch of the service, in fact, the Negro has made good. It is estimated that nearly 200,000 colored men have been in the American army and their division have acquitted themselves creditably. Negro social service workers also have an excellent work in ministering to the soldiers in the sectors of the front and in rest camps. Between forty and fifty colored men wear the uniform of the Y. M. C. A. Secretaries in France.

J. W. STRONG, President, Central Texas College, 2-8-4t

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Then, too, we must remember, That this bondage I mean is not new, But is constantly on my mind, And on the minds of others, too.

It is this thing called discrimination, And to some whites it is a fete, But until it is clearly wiped out, The victory won't be complete.

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Then, too, there were that "St. Mihiel," And the "Argonne Forest" drives, That "Old Glory" and democracy may live, They freely laid down their lives.

I might go on farther to say, The black man's bravery is not doubted in anyway, But the question is "discrimination" and "Jim Crowism" to stand, Back over in "God's Own Land?"

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ROXTON.

Roxton, Texas, Feb. 6.—Mr. Houston of Paris spends three days here as special guest of Prof. James O. Ingleton in honor of Mrs. Olla Houston, assistant, teacher. Rev. Davis of Sulphur Springs was the welcome visitor of the school; many high things were said. Mrs. Francis Brewer of Farmersville is the guest of Mrs. Daisy Oats, her sister and friends this week. Mrs. Laura Hill and Mrs. Cardella Watson visited friends in Paris last week. After brief illness, Mrs. Millie Palmer follows her husband in death, leaves six children to mourn their loss.

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